**FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF**

**Cook County Building, Board Room, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

# BOARD AGENDA

**Tuesday, January 17, 2017, 11:00 AM**

## PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Authorization as a public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have submitted in writing, their name, address, subject matter, and organization (if any) to the Secretary 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Duly authorized public speakers shall be called upon to deliver testimony at a time specified in the meeting agenda. Authorized public speakers who are not present during the specified time for public testimony will forfeit their allotted time to speak at the meeting. Public testimony must be germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda, and the testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. Persons authorized to provide public testimony shall not use vulgar, abusive, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately; failure to speak to an item that is germane to the meeting, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

Pursuant to Cook County Code, the Secretary to the Board of Commissioners hereby transmits Consent Calendar Resolutions for your consideration. The Consent Calendar Resolutions shall be published in the Post Board Action Agenda and Journal of Proceedings as prepared by the Clerk of the Board.

## PRESIDENT

**17-0021**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**AMENDING RESOLUTION 16-0496 - FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT COMMITTEE CHAIR ASSIGNMENTS**

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "Forest Preserve") adopted resolution 16-0496 establishing the Chairs, Vice-Chairs, and number of members of the Standing Committees and Subcommittees of the Forest Preserve District Board; and

**WHEREAS,** the Forest Preserve now wishes to amend its previous selection of vice-chair for one of its standing sub-committees.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, that Resolution 16-0496 is hereby amended as follows:

**Section 1.** The President Pro Tempore of the Forest Preserve Board shall be Commissioner Steele.

**Section 2.** The Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the Committees (identified by all capital letters) and of the Subcommittees (identified by initial capital letters) of the Forest Preserve District Board shall be as follows:

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| AUDIT (8 members) | Chair: | Tobolski |
| | Vice-Chair: | Gainer |
| BOTANIC GARDEN (9 members) | Chair: | Goslin |
| | Vice-Chair: | Schneider |
| CONTRACT COMPLIANCE (9 members) | Chair: | Steele |
| | Vice-Chair: | Silvestri |
| CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT (10 members) | Chair: | Arroyo |
| | Vice-Chair: | Sims |
| ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL (7 members) | Chair: | Steele |
| | Vice-Chair: | Morrison |
| FINANCE (Committee of the Whole) | Chair: | Goslin |
| | Vice-Chair: | Steele |
| Litigation (7 members) | Chair: | Silvestri |
| | Vice-Chair: | Fritchey |
| Labor (9 members) | Chair: | Arroyo |
| | Vice-Chair: | Tobolski |
| Workers' Compensation (5 members) | Chair: | Schneider |
| | Vice-Chair: | ~~Arroyo~~ Moody |
| LAW ENFORCEMENT (7 members) | Chair: | Moore |
| | Vice-Chair: | Silvestri |
| LEGISLATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS (Committee of the Whole) | Chair: | Suffredin |
| | Vice-Chair: | Fritchey |
| REAL ESTATE (Committee of the Whole) | Chair: | Moody |
| | Vice-Chair: | Moore |
| RECREATION (9 members) | Chair: | Morrison |
| | Vice-Chair: | Moody |
| RULES AND ADMINISTRATION (7 members) | Chair: | Suffredin |
| | Vice-Chair: | Daley |

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| ZOOLOGICAL (9 members) | Chair: | Tobolski |
| | Vice-Chair: | Moore |

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE,** the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County do hereby approve this Resolution Amendment.

**17-0022**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**AMENDING RESOLUTION 16-0497 - DESIGNATING AND APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE DISRICT OF COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "Forest Preserve") adopted resolution 16-0497 establishing the members of the Standing Committees and Subcommittees of the Forest Preserve District Board; and

**WHEREAS,** there now exist various vacancies on the Standing Committees and Subcommittees of the Forest Preserve that must be filled.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, that Resolution 16-0497 is hereby amended as follows:

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| AUDIT | Members: | Tobolski |
| | | Gainer |
| | | Arroyo |
| | | Boykin |
| | | Butler |
| | | Goslin |
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| | | Schneider |
| BOTANIC GARDEN | Members: | Goslin |
| | | Schneider |
| | | Arroyo |
| | | Butler |
| | | Daley |
| | | Morrison |
| | | Sims |
| | | Steele |
| | | Suffredin |
| CONTRACT COMPLIANCE | Members: | Steele |

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| | | Silvestri |
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| | | Butler |
| | | Garcia |
| | | Moore |
| | | Moody |
| | | Sims |
| | | Tobolski |
| CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT | Members: | Arroyo |
| | | Sims |
| | | Fritchey |
| | | Gainer |
| | | Goslin |
| | | Morrison |
| | | Moody |
| | | Schneider |
| | | Silvestri |
| | | Steele |
| ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL | Members: | Steele |
| | | Morrison |
| | | Boykin |
| | | Gainer |
| | | Moody |
| | | Schneider |
| | | Silvestri |
| FINANCE | Members: | All Commissioners, including the Chair and Vice-Chair |
| Labor | Members: | Moody |
| | | Tobolski |
| | | Arroyo |
| | | Butler |
| | | Fritchey |
| | | Gainer |
| | | Garcia |
| | | Moore |
| | | Sims |
| Litigation | Members: | Silvestri |
| | | Fritchey |
| | | Boykin |

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| | | Gainer<br>Schneider<br>Suffredin<br>Tobolski |
| Workers' Compensation | Members: | Schneider<br>Tobolski<br>~~Arroyo~~ Moody<br>Goslin<br>Moore |
| LAW ENFORCEMENT | Members: | Moore<br>Silvestri<br>Arroyo<br>Butler<br>Fritchey<br>Goslin<br>Tobolski |
| LEGISLATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS | Members: | All Commissioners, including the Chair and Vice-Chair |
| REAL ESTATE | Members: | All Commissioners, including the Chair and Vice-Chair |
| RECREATION | Members: | Morrison<br>Boykin<br>Moody<br>Daley<br>Gainer<br>Goslin<br>Schneider<br>Steele<br>Tobolski |
| RULES | Members: | Suffredin<br>Daley<br>Fritchey<br>Gainer<br>Morrison<br>Schneider<br>Silvestri |

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| | | Sims |
| | | Steele |
| ZOOLOGICAL | Members: | Tobolski |
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| | | Boykin |
| | | Daley |
| | | Garcia |
| | | Goslin |
| | | Morrison |
| | | Silvestri |
| | | Steele |

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE,** the Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners do hereby approve this Resolution Amendment.

**17-0035**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, LUIS ARROYO JR., RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, EDWARD M. MOODY, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT B. STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**ESTABLISHING THE LOCATION OF OFFSITE BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2017**

**WHEREAS,** in accordance with Title 1, Chapter 5, Section 4-(a), the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "Forest Preserve") Code of Ordinances, the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") shall hold regular meetings pursuant to an annual calendar adopted by resolution of the Board; and

**WHEREAS,** in accordance with Section 2.02 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, every public body shall give public notice of the schedule of regular meetings at the beginning of each calendar or fiscal year and shall state the regular dates, times and places of such meetings; and

**WHEREAS,** the Forest Preserve Board satisfied its statutory and local ordinance obligations to publish notice of its schedule of regular meetings for calendar year 2017 by passing Resolution 16-0495 at the regular meeting of the Forest Preserve Board on December 13, 2016, and

**WHEREAS,** it was indicated in Resolution 16-0495 that the Board plans to conduct at least three of its regular meetings on March 9, 2017; May 11, 2017; and July 20, 2017 in locations other than the County Building Room 569, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60602, which is where the other regular meetings for calendar year 2017 are scheduled to be held; and

**WHEREAS,** the Forest Preserve Board now wishes to publicize the locations in which the regular meetings scheduled for March 9, 2017, May 11, 2017, and July 20, 2017 are to be held.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Forest Preserve Board**:**

1. That the Forest Preserve Board shall hold a regular meeting of the Board on Thursday, March 9, 2017 at the Forest Preserve Volunteer Resource Center located at 6100 N. Central Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60646.

2. That the Forest Preserve Board shall hold a regular meeting of the Board on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at the Forest Preserve Dan Ryan Woods Pavilion located at 8659 S. Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60620.

3. That the Forest Preserve Board shall hold a regular meeting of the Board on Thursday, July 20, 2017 at the Chicago Botanic Garden located at 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, Illinois 60022.

4. That the time for holding the regular meetings referenced above in items 1-3 of this Resolution is 11:00 a.m., local time.

5. That the same dates listed here will be used to schedule the following standing committee meetings of the Forest Preserve Board, set to begin at 10:30 a.m., local time: a) the Committee on Rules; and b) the Committee on Finance.

## OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

**17-0014**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

**Department:** Conservation and Experiential Programming

**Other Part(ies):** University of Illinois Extension, Champaign, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization to enter into Intergovernmental Agreement with the University of Illinois Extension and make quarterly payments on contract.

**Goods or Services:** Environmental education and outreach services

**Agreement Number(s):** N/A

**Agreement Period:** 1/1/2017, retroactively - 12/31/2017

**Fiscal Impact:** $250,000.00

**Accounts:** Corporate Fund Districtwide Services, 01-6919

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The University of Illinois Extension ("Extension") will provide educational and public outreach programs, thus significantly expanding educational opportunities for youth and adult populations within Cook County, including the Conservation@Home program. Extension will also provide professional training workshops for Forest Preserve staff and assist in growing the number of Master Naturalists and Master Gardeners that volunteer with the Preserves. The Forest Preserve Conservation & Experiential Programming staff will work with Extension staff to coordinate and direct these educational activities. The University of Illinois Extension will also work with Preserve staff on specific projects related to the Next Century Conservation Plan as outlined in their Scope of Work. Payments will be made quarterly based on UIE invoice and work completed.

**17-0015**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

**Request:** requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "Preserves") to enter into a Partnership Agreement with Audubon Great Lakes, Chicago, Illinois.

**Reason:** Audubon Great Lakes has received a grant from the Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation in the amount of $50,000.00 to support invasive species identification and removal at Bartel Grasslands, Spring Creek Forest Preserves, Orland Grassland, Poplar Creek Forest Preserve, and Schaumburg Road Grassland. The project will also work with the Preserves' Volunteer Resources staff and existing stewards to recruit and train new volunteers and bird monitors. These efforts will develop advocates for the Preserves, while increasing the quality and sustainability of regional grasslands which provide valuable bird habitat.

Funding will be expended over the course of a three (3) year period, at no cost to the Preserves.

**Contract period:** 1/17/2017 - 7/14/2019

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Account(s)**: N/A

**Concurrences:**

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

**District(s):** 6, 15 and 17

**17-0016**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

**Request:** requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "Preserves") to enter into a Partnership Agreement with Friends of the Forest Preserves, Chicago Illinois.

**Reason:** Friends of the Forest Preserves has obtained a grant from the Bobolink Foundation in the amount of $199,653.00 to be used to field a six member Northwest Conservation Corps program. The program will engage a Crew Manager, an Assistant Crew Manager, and four (4) participants (thirty (30) hours per week) in hands-on ecological restoration activities centered on chainsaw operation, herbicide application, prescribed fire, native seed collection, and invasive species removal.

Ecological restoration will be conducted in partnership with the Preserves, the Lake County Forest Preserves, Citizens for Conservation, and Audubon Great Lakes to advance joint goals in support of volunteer stewardship projects and invasive species management in the region. In the Preserves the crew will work at Spring Creek Preserve, Poplar Creek Preserve, and Schaumburg Road Grassland in northwest Cook County. The crew will also work on preserves owned and managed by the Lake County Forest Preserves, as well as at various Citizen's for Conservation holdings in the Barrington area.

The project will leverage the volunteer stewardship expertise of the participating partner organizations and advance the Preserve's Next Century Conservation Plan goal to mobilize people to heal and nurture the land.

**Contract period:** 2/15/2017 - 2/14/2018

**Fiscal Impact:** $35,000.00

**Account(s)**: 09-6750, Habitat Restoration, 09-6758, Intern Programs, 09-6757, Potential Grant Match and Work Fund, Grant Accounts, 10-6750, 10-6757, and 10-5800

**Concurrences:**

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

**District(s):** 15

**17-0024**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

**Request:** requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "Preserves") to enter into a Partnership Agreement with The Nature Conservancy, Chicago, Illinois.

**Reason:** The Nature Conservancy has obtained a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation through the Sustain Our Great Lakes Grant Program and wishes to contribute approximately $50,000 to the Preserves to support ecological restoration activities at Powderhorn Prairie and Marsh Nature Preserve. Work performed will consist of 40 acres of herbaceous invasive species control, and selective shrub removal and thinning across the site. The Preserves desire to grant The Nature Conservancy access to the property in order to complete the project, which will be conducted at no cost to the Preserves.

**Contract period:** 1/17/2017 - 10/31/2018

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Account(s)**: N/A

**Concurrences:**

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

**District(s):** 4

**17-0020**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Finance and Administration

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Procurements and Disbursements Report

**Report Period:** 11/1/2016 - 11/30/2016

**Summary:** Submitting the Procurements and Disbursements Report for the period of November 2016. This report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section1-8-2(BB) of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County's Code of Ordinances.

**17-0018**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS**

**Department:** Conservation & Experiential Programming

**Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Events & Activities Calendar - 1/17/2017 - 2/8/2017**
**WINTER SNOW FUN (with appropriate snow conditions)**

**Saturday, 12/17 - Monday, 3/6; Open daily, 9 am - 4 pm.**
**Cross-Country Ski Trails Open at Sagawau Nordic**
**Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**
Trails will be opened and groomed as snow conditions permit, and could include a late start or early finish. Watch our Facebook page and call 630-257-2045 for the most up-to-date trail conditions. Cross Country Ski rentals and lessons are also available.

**Snowshoe Lending, All Nature Centers**
Snowshoes are available when snow is 4" or greater. Equipment is limited and is loaned with no charge on a first come, first served basis. Driver's license required.

**Sledding**
We offer five sledding hills with lighting, open 10 am - 9 pm Every Day
Dan Ryan Woods - Chicago • Caldwell Woods - Chicago • Deer Grove #5 - Palatine • Westchester Woods -Westchester • Swallow Cliff - Palos Park (open when there is at least 6" of snow) We also offer four sledding spots without lighting, open 10 am - sunset: • Pioneer Woods - Willow Springs • Ted Lechowicz Woods - Chicago • Schiller Woods - Schiller Park • Deer Grove #4 - Palatine. Sledding hills are open when there are at least 3" of snow on frozen ground.

**EVENTS**

**Friday, 1/20; 6 - 8 pm**
**Winter Bonfire, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**
Join us as we enjoy an evening around a bonfire as we roast marshmallows and sip hot cocoa. Register by 1/18.

**Friday, 1/20; 7 - 9 pm**
**Owl Prowl at Thatcher Woods**
**Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest in partnership with Chicago Botanic Garden**
Join Steve Bailey, ornithologist from the Illinois Natural History Survey for a captivating night exploring the mystery of owls. $49/$39.20 member. To register, call 847-835-8261 or visit chicagobotanic.org/education.

**Saturday, 1/21; 9 am - 3 pm**

**SURF THE WHITE WINTER WAVE , Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**
Don't let the weather get you down! Join us for a Polynesian spin on winter by skiing the "frozen wave" our winter storms leave in their wake. After skiing, relax and enjoy surfing videos and live updates on surf conditions from Oahu's North Shore. Dress Hawaiian and win a prize! Event will take place if ski trails are open.

**Saturday, 1/21; 1 - 3 pm**
**Conservation@Home: Birding in Your Garden, Little Red School House, Willow Springs**
University of Illinois Extension Master Naturalists will share their experience of designing, planting and caring for two gardens built for the birds!

**Saturday, 1/21; 12 - 3 pm**
**SNOWSHOE TREKKING PLUS, Camp Reinberg, Palatine**
There's no better way to experience the Forest Preserves in winter than by snowshoe. Come out to these campgrounds (snow conditions permitting) and try our snowshoes for free. Open to the public, no registration required. There must be at least 4" of hard snow on the ground in order to snowshoe. Call the campground for snow conditions, 312-636-9750. If there isn't enough snow, we'll still be out with hikes, games, fire and other outdoor fun.

**Saturday, 1/21 and Sunday, 1/29; 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.**
**Weekend Family Class: Loco for Cocoa!, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**
Discover the sweet story of chocolate from bitter bean to delicious dessert. Participants will investigate the raw ingredients, taste test different types of chocolate, and practice dipping fruits and snacks into melted chocolate to make treats extra enjoyable!
Preregistration required; fee applies.

**Saturday, 1/21; 9 am - 4 pm and Sunday, 1/22; 1:30 - 5 pm**
**Seed Swap Weekend, Regenstein Center, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**
A weekend of events including a film, classes and workshops to learn, share, and swap seeds with other gardeners.
Preregistration required and fee applies for some of the activities.

**Sunday, 1/22; 1 pm**
**Headbangers World, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**
Woodpeckers are vital to the health of woodland ecosystems. Learn basic species identification and anatomy.

**Friday, 1/27; 7 pm**
**Winter Night Hike, River Trail Nature Center, Northrbook**
Use your senses to search for animals active on cold winter evenings while on a guided hike. Afterwards, warm up inside with snacks and hot chocolate. $2/person.

**Saturday, 1/28; Noon - 4 pm**

**Winter Exploration Days, Dan Ryan Woods Pavilion, Chicago**
Get out to your local forest preserve and explore the natural beauty of winter! Each special event offers activities to prepare you for a delightful wintertime experience. Learn how to navigate using newfound orienteering skills, create snowshoes and backpacks from natural materials and track animals that make the Forest Preserves their home during winter. Snowshoeing and sledding will be available, should weather conditions permit. Please join us for one or all events! For further details, call 708-386-4042.

**Sunday, 1/29; 1:30 pm**
**Winter Wandering, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**
Put on your winter boots, bundle up and join us for a brisk 4-mile hike along Thorn Creek. Meet at Sweet Woods, Cottage Grove & 183rd Street in Glenwood.

**Sunday, 1/29; 1 - 3 pm**
**Nature Sketching, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**
Explore line, value, shading and form as we practice sketching plants and animals from life. For adults and older children w/adult. Register by 1/26. $5 fee includes take-home artist's tools.

**Sunday, 2/5; 1 pm**
**Evergreens and Winter Trees, Crabtree Nature Center**
Unearth the secrets of evergreen trees and learn what other trees are doing during these cold months. If weather permits, identify trees of all kinds on a winter stroll.

**Wednesday, 2/8; 2:30 - 6 pm**
**Snowy Scavenger Hunt, Rolling Knolls Pavilion 11N260 Rohrssen Rd, Elgin**
Let's go on a scavenger hunt! Make some interesting winter observations as you hike through the woods. Record your findings as you go. Dress for the weather.

**District(s):** Districtwide

## COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

### RULES COMMITTEE MEETING OF 1/17/2016

**17-0034 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS** meeting held on 12/13/2016

**17-0041 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS** special meeting held on 12/13/2016

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### FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 1/17/2017

**17-0026 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)** 12/13/2016

**17-0027 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION)** 1/17/2017

**17-0001 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT** Friends of Forest Preserve, Chicago, Illinois

**17-0010 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT** Path Construction Company, Inc., Arlington Heights, Illinois

**17-0011 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT** Path Construction Company, Inc., Arlington Heights, Illinois

**17-0023 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT** Speedy Gonzalez Landscaping Inc., Chicago, Illinois

**17-0019 REPORT** Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expense 11/1/2016 through 11/30/2016

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